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Census shows slow, steady growth



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Remember the taking of the census last year? Well, the results are in, and they show that the more things change, the more they stay the same.

Unfortunately they do not include the 2000 figures, so that one can't determine relative growth, but we have some of those figures, thanks to one of our stories nearly 10 years ago.

Take for example the relative populations of Reedsburg and Baraboo. Our older article regarding the year 2000 shows Reedsburg with a population of 7,827, while the new 2010 figure is 9,200, a nice gain of some 1,300 people.

Baraboo, in that same decade, went from 10,711 in 2000 to 12,048 now, a comparable gain of 1,337 people, about 13 percent.

There is another factor to consider here, namely West Baraboo. That village, contiguous with Baraboo, increased from 1,248 to 1,414 people, a gain of 166.



Downtown Baraboo is the center of the Baraboo metropolitan area, with some 18,000 people in its zip code area alone, and seat of county government for 62,000 Sauk County citizens.

When consolidated with the Baraboo figures, the Baraboo-West Baraboo complex has 13,472 residents.

This is a gain of 1,503 people, or about 15 percent. Reedsburg does not have a "satellite" village such as the Baraboo-West Baraboo complex.

Another way to compare communities is the zip code population. Baraboo's 53913 has 17,963 postal customers,

while Reedsburg's 53959 listed 11,525 patrons, as shown on zipskinny.com.

It appears that there are more people living outside the city limits of Baraboo than Reedsburg.

Results for the villages are believed to be similar. The only village we have both 2000 and 2010 figures for is Lake Delton, which increased from 1,482 to 2,391 residents.

The new population

figures show 3,972 for Prairie du Sac; 3,410 for Sauk City; and Wisconsin Dells with 175 people in Sauk County. The bulk of Wisconsin Dells is across the river in Columbia County.

Nearby towns are Greenfield with 932 people, Fairfield with 1,077, Excelsior with 1,575, town of Delton with 2,391 and town of Baraboo with 1,672.

The Highway 12 cor-

ridor remains the principal growth area of the county.

Sauk County now has 61,976 people, up from 55,225 10 years ago.

For the state, we now proudly count 5,666,986 souls.

The world population will reach 7 billion before long, a staggering figure. Apparently, Sauk County residents are doing their share of growth.